REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this patent application, and stand rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8 and 10 have been amended, and claim 14 has been canceled. This application now includes claims 1-13.

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration of the rejection of now pending claims 1-13 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,967,734 B1); hereinafter, Wang.

Independent claims 1, 8 and 10 have been amended to incorporated at least a portion of the subject matters of respective dependent claims 7, 13, and 14, so as to recite that the discovery packet sent from the computer workstation is such that <u>only</u> a printer of a designated type can respond. While the Examiner considered the subject matters of claims 7, 13, and 14, and found that subject matter to be anticipated by Wang at column 3, lines 10-13 and 35-45, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following.

The method of Wang and the method of the present invention diverge with respect to the way in which a network port for a particular network printer is added to the system. Wang discloses that all printers on the network are discovered, but that only printers that may be identified from a registry 40 maintained at the computer will have a port created. As set forth in Wang at column 3, lines 26-28, "<u>Before a particular printer</u> can be installed in a software sense, <u>printers</u> which have been physically connected to the network must be "discovered" by the PnP server 12." As further stated in Wang at column 3, lines 45-50, "Once a PnP server 12 obtains the system object I.D. for <u>each printer connected on a particular network or sub-network</u>, the PnP Server 12 then applies the system object IDs to the registry interface 18,

which in turn accesses the registry 40 which is available in the Windows 2000 environment. The system object I.D. for each printer is looked up in registry 40 and registry 40 returns the model name of a printer." (Emphasis added). Also, Wang is directed to a print server, whereas the claims of the present invention are directed to a computer workstation.

Thus, Wang does not disclose "transmitting a discovery packet from said computer workstation to which only a printer of a designated type can respond", as recited for example, in claim 1 as amended, but rather, Wang sends a broadcast to which the PnP server 12 receives a system object ID as a response from "each printer connected on a particular network or sub-network". (Wang column 3, lines 45-50).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Wang does not disclose, teach or suggest the subject matter of claim 1.

Claims 2-7 are believed to be allowable in view of their dependence, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. In addition, claims 2-7 further and patentably define the present invention over Wang.

For example, claim 7 recites, "The method of claim 1, wherein said discovery packet is a propriety broadcast message to which *only said printer of said designated type* on said network will respond." (Emphasis added). In contrast, Wang discloses using a broadcast which results in the receipt of a system object ID as a response from "each printer connected on a particular network or sub-network". (Wang column 3, lines 45-50). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Wang does not disclose, teach or suggest using a propriety broadcast message to which only the printer of the designated type on the network will respond.

Claim 8 is believed allowable for substantially the same reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1. In addition, claims 9 and 13 depending from claim 8 further and patentably

define the present invention over Wang. Further, claim 13 is believed allowable for substantially the same reasons set forth above with respect to claim 7.
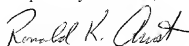
Claim 10 is believed allowable for substantially the same reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 7. In addition, claims 11 and 12 depending from claim 10 further and patentably define the present invention over Wang.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance in its present form, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

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